**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS** 

CITY OF HOUSTON

The City Secretary for City of Houston will receive bids at 900 Bagby, Room P101, Houston, Texas for the following PWE project:

Project Name: Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting

Methods

WBS Number: R-000266-0219-4 (File No. 4257-143)

Bid Date: June 12, 2014

Project Location: Within City Limits

Project Manager: Mary F. Bac, P.E. (832-395-4992)

mary.bac@houstontx.gov

Estimated Construction Cost: \$6,000,000.00

Prebid Meeting: Mandatory, May 20, 2014, 9:00 a.m., 4545 Groveway Drive,

Rm. 100, Houston, Texas 77087

Bids will be accepted until 10:30 a.m., local time on the Bid Date shown above. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 11:00 a.m. on the same day in City Council Chambers. All interested parties are invited to attend. Place and date of Bid opening may be changed in accordance with Sections 15-3(b)(5) and 15-3(b)(6) of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances. Low bidder shall comply with City of Houston Code of Ordinances. All bidders shall comply with Article II, Chapter 15, City of Houston Code of Ordinances.

The requirements and terms of the City of Houston Pay or Play Program, as set out in Executive Order 1-7 and Ordinance 2007-0534, are incorporated into this project for all purposes. All bidders shall comply with the terms and conditions of the Pay or Play Program as they are set out at the time of City Council approval of this Agreement.

**Except** for Project WBS No. **R-000266-0219-4**, all projects are subject to the Hire Houston First program, which gives a preference to certain local bidders in award of the contract. For more information, go to: <a href="http://www.houstontx.gov/obo/hirehoustonfirst.html">http://www.houstontx.gov/obo/hirehoustonfirst.html</a>.

Bid documents and drawings may only be obtained electronically at the City's website: http://bidsets.publicworks.houstontx.gov/.

The Project may contain City of Houston Standard Construction Specifications for Wastewater Collection Systems, Water Lines, Storm Drainage, Street Paving, and Traffic sections that are incorporated into Project Manual by reference. These Standard Specifications, along with Standard Details, City's may be acquired at no cost on the website at http://documents.publicworks.houstontx.gov/document-center/cat view/88-engineeringand-construction/92-specifications/208-division-02-16-standard-specifications.html

Bidders should review Document 00210 – Supplementary Instructions to Bidders - to determine whether the contract will be a City Street and Bridge Construction or Improvement Contract which requires a current Certificate of Responsibility filed with the Director of Public Works and Engineering no later than three business days prior to Project Bid Date. A Certificate of Responsibility is a valid Prequalification Approval Letter issued by TxDOT stating that a Bidder is qualified to bid on State Highway improvement contracts pursuant to 43 Texas Administrative Code, Section 9.12, as it may be amended from time-to-time, and Chapter 15, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas.

For Project WBS No. **R-000266-0219-4** this Contract is expected to be funded in part by a loan from the Texas Water Development Board an agency of the State of Texas. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party to this Contract. Low Bidder(s) will be required to comply with the federal wage and payroll requirements issued by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts, as further described in Document 00806. This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "fair

share policy", which includes EPA-approved "fair share goals" for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) firms. EPA's policy requires that contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of subcontracts to Minority Business Enterprise and Women-Owned Business Enterprise firms. Although EPA's policy does not mandate that the fair share goals be achieved, it does require prime contractors to demonstrate use of the six affirmative steps. The current fair share goals for the State of Texas are as follows: MBE 12.94% and WBE 8.72%.

Bidders shall comply with City Ordinance 2013-0428, Chapter 15, Article V, City of Houston Code of Ordinances, as amended, and City of Houston Office of Business Opportunity Minority, Women, and Small Business Enterprise (MWSBE) Procedures. The Lowest Responsible Bidder will be required to demonstrate good faith efforts to achieve a MWSBE participation goal as stated in Document 00800 – Supplementary Conditions (Contract Goal) in accordance with Document 00808 – Requirements for the City of Houston Business Enterprise Program for Minority, Women, and Small Business Enterprises and Persons with Disabilities Enterprises (PDBE).

It is unlawful for any Contractor to contribute or offer any contribution to a candidate for City elective office during a certain period prior to and following a contract award. Bidders should refer to Chapter 18, City of Houston Code of Ordinances for filing requirements and further explanation.

Dated:

(Publish Friday, May 16, 2014)

Anna Russell

City Secretary